

# Health Care Reform Coordinating Council: Workgroup Updates

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# Council Workgroups

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# Role of Workgroups

- Provide analysis, identify issues, review options on major implementation areas
- Review the lessons about what works and what doesn't
- Identify areas of common agreement when possible
  - Council develops recommendations to Governor

# Exchange and Insurance Markets

- Overall Goals and Functions
- Structure
- Transformation role for insurance markets
- Role in promoting affordability and mitigating risk selection
- How seamless with commercial and public coverage

# Entry Into Coverage

- Approach to facilitate consumers' entry into coverage
- How to simplify and integrate enrollment practices
- Policy, operating practices and system changes
- How far to go to embrace a new paradigm that welcomes consumers by minimizing barriers to entry into coverage

# Education and Outreach

- Communicate significant changes to come
- Plan for coordinated and comprehensive outreach and education strategy
- Meet the needs of different groups, including consumers, providers, insurers, employers and others
- Ensure efforts are effective and culturally and linguistically appropriate
- Plan for long term needs to provide information on the new reformed health system

# Public Health, Safety Net and Special Populations

- Access for uninsured or people who have health needs not met by their coverage
- Leverage opportunities in PPACA to improve public health
- Prepare safety net for changes in benefits
- Facilitate coordination of safety net services, identify unmet needs and coordinate care delivery
- Leverage and foster the capacity of historic safety net providers
- Expectations of historic safety net providers when more people have insurance coverage

# Health Care Workforce

- Ensure capacity in the health care delivery system
- Develop strategies to prepare the workforce for the future
- Consider a range of tools to increase capacity
- Consider how to leverage new federal resources to support underserved areas



# Health Care Delivery System

- Maximize use of new tools in reform to improve quality and contain costs
- Coordinate with efforts on future of Medicare waiver and bundled payment
- Coordinate with Quality and Cost Council on Medical Home, Healthiest Maryland

# Cross Cutting Issues

- Preserve and strengthen employer sponsored insurance
- Data and planning resources
- Addressing racial and ethnic disparities
- Accountability and compliance
- Balance of local and state infrastructure
- Technology infrastructure

# Remaining Schedule

Exchange and Insurance Markets	Entry to Coverage	Education and Outreach	Health Care Workforce	Public Health, Safety Net and Special Populations	Health Care Delivery System
10/1, 1:30 – 4 p.m. MHCC	9/22, 1 – 4 p.m. UMBC Tech Center	10/4, 1 – 4 p.m. UMBC Tech Center	9/27, 9-12 p.m. Senate Finance Committee Room	9/30, 1 – 4 p.m. Univ. of MD College Park, Eppley Center	9/24, 1:30 – 4 p.m. House Health & Government Operations Committee Room
10/22, 1:30-4 p.m. MD Dept of Transportation	10/26, 1 – 4 p.m. UMBC Tech Center	10/20, 9-12 p.m. MD Insurance Administration	10/15, 2 – 5 p.m. Senate Finance Committee Room	10/21, 1 – 4 p.m. MD Dept of Transportation	10/7, 1:30 – 4 p.m. House Health & Government Operations Committee Room
					10/25, 1:30 – 4 p.m. House Health & Government Operations Committee Room